



EXETER
TOWNSHIP

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT # _____ ANNUAL ONE TIME SPECIAL EVENT
\$75.00 \$15.00 \$50.00

ISSUE DATE: _____

LOCATION OF BURN: _____

BURN DATE: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY: _____

ADDRESS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY: _____

TELEPHONE# _____ EMAIL _____

TYPE OF MATERIALS TO BE BURNED: **BRUSH ONLY / SPECIAL EVENT**

PURPOSE OF BURNING: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

FEE: _____ CASH / CHECK # _____ / CREDIT CARD DATE: _____

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to follow the rules of this permit and open burn ordinance.

Name: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Please see back side for complete list rules

Fire Department/Police Officials have full and complete authority

This permit is void during a Burn Ban



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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE CODES & INSPECTIONS
TOWNSHIP OPEN BURNING APPLICATION

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SEC. 106.6.31 - A Fire Prevention "OPERATIONAL" permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SEC. 307 -

GENERAL - A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING - Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Household trash, books magazines, newspapers, cardboard and/or any items that are required to be recycled in Exeter Township under the Pennsylvania Act 101, including brush and scrap lumber or any vegetation, plywood, drywall plastic products, insulation material, upholstered furniture, garbage, dead animals, human and animal excrement, human and animal hair, rubber products including tires, hydrocarbon products or flammable liquids, asphalt or tar shingles or roofing materials, bedding, foam rubber, nylon, rayon, cotton, wool, polyester or other synthetic material, insulation from copper or other wiring, solid waste and/or construction waste as defined by the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act and 25 PA Code 271.1.

A person shall not conduct burning operations during periods when surface winds exceed 15 miles per hour. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning, which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

The burning of dry wood ONLY is allowed for cookout campfires.

LOCATION

* The location for open burning shall not be less than 100 feet from any structure, and 10 feet from property lines.

ATTENDANCE

* Burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

DURATION OF PERMIT

* Shall be for the date stated only

HOW TO SAFELY IGNITE THE FIRE

* An adult should always be present during open burning and children and pets should be kept a safe distance away.
* Use paper and kindling to start the fire and add progressively larger pieces of wood.

* Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire because the risk of personal injury is high.

FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED UNTIL EXTINGUISHED

* While the fire is burning, an adult must attend the fire until it is completely extinguished.

* Persons and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire shall be on the burn site and in attendance at all times.

HAVE FIRE CONTROL TOOLS ON HAND

* Have fire extinguishment materials on hand including a water supply, shovel and rakes.

* The water supply could be a pressurized water fire extinguisher, a pump can or garden hose, and be sure to test it out before igniting the fire. You do not want to find out that the water is still shut-off at the house faucet, or that the hose is cracked when you need it most.

WATCH THE WIND: BE PREPARED TO EXTINGUISH ALL OPEN BURNING

* Be prepared to extinguish your fire if the winds pick up or weather changes. Use common sense and don't wait for the fire department to contact you that it has become unsafe to burn. Sudden wind change is how most open burning gets out of control.

DON'T DELAY A CALL FOR HELP

* If for some reason, the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately

* Use the utmost caution to prevent injury to yourself or family members or any damage by fire to your home.

* People conducting illegal burning, or who allow a fire to get out of control, may be held liable for costs of extinguishing the fire, fined and even imprisoned.